# Interconnection Rules Suggested Working Group Process

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#### General Principles

- Rules, protocols, and processes should be clear and transparent.
- Rules should be technology neutral, except where differential requirements can be fully justified.
- Rules should apply to all project sponsors.
- Rules should be uniform throughout California and nationwide if possible.

## Proposed Process and Schedule Today's Objectives

- Identify working groups and explain objectives.
- Solicit participation in working groups.
- Identify issues to be addressed in each working group.
- Discuss schedule.

### Proposed Process and Schedule Beyond Today

- January Working groups begin meeting
- February CEC staff to hold workshop to evaluate progress of working groups.
- March Working groups submit recommendations to CEC.
- April Workshop report issued, Siting Committee hearing to address report.
- May Siting Committee to release draft recommendations.
- June Comments from parties and CEC adoption of recommendations.

#### Technical Working Group

- Objective to develop the specific characteristics required by distributed generators to connect to the utility system.
  - Distinctions between different technologies are encouraged as long as the characteristics are standard across all utility service territories.
- Products document identifying the specific steps needed for each technology to connect to the utility grid.

#### Policy Working Group

Objective - to investigate how interconnection rules ultimately selected by the CPUC might apply to entities not subject to CPUC jurisdiction.

■ Products - document with recommendations about non-IOU compliance.

### Implementation Working Group

Objective - to investigate issues addressing the implementation of rules developed in this proceeding.

#### Products

- Representative standard interconnection agreements
- Implementation schedule for CPUC and utilities
- Interconnection schedule for distributed generators and utilities